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1. DURING LUNCH WITH KEY DOMINICANS ON APRIL 27 HOSTED BY CHARGE, ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO DISCUSSED CARIBBEAN GROUP WITH DOMINICAN FONMIN JIMENEZ, PRESIDENTIAL TECHNICAL SECRETARY HERRERA, AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR PERICHE. INTERESTINGLY, THE DOMINICANS THEMSELVES INITIATED SEVERAL OF THE POINTS WE INTENDED TO BRING UP ABOUT CARIBBEAN GROUP. VERY USEFUL WORKING LUNCH AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION ON SUGAR, MTN AND TRADE WITH PUERTO RICO. EB'S WENDT TALKED SUGAR WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES DIRECTOR, DR SUGAR SPOKESMAN, VICINI. ASSISTANT STR LANDE DISCUSSED MTN AND PUERTO RICAN TRADE WITH DOMINICAN EXPORT PROMOTION DIRECTOR SALADIN AND FOREIGN OFFICE TRADE OFFICIAL MESSINA.

2. COOPERATION WITH ANGO, FRANCO CARIBBEAN:

IN REPLY TO FRANK QUESTION JIMENEZ STATED THAT WHILE THERE SOME MOVEMENT TOWARDS COOPERATION WITH THE CARICOM COUNTRIES,
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THEY SAW MORE POSSIBILITIES IN WORKING MORE CLOSELY WITH HAITI.
(COMMENT. ONLY A YEAR AGO JAMAICA QUIETLY CLOSED DOWN ITS
EMBASSY. NO OTHER CARICOM NATIONS HAVE MISSIONS HERE.)

3. ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES:

DOMINICANS WERE WELL AWARE OF ALCOHOL FROM CANE, HAVING USED IT

IN WORLD WAR II. NEED TO MODIFY INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES AND COSTS PER BTU EXCEEDING CURRENT PETROLEUM PRICES, HOWEVER, MAKES IT UNECONOMICAL, THEY SAID. FURTHERMORE, MOLASSES (THE INTERMEDIATE

PRODUCT) EARNS NEEDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE UNDER LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH PUERTO RICO. OF MORE INTEREST TO THEM IS WIND AND SOLAR POWER.

4. COMMON SERVICES:

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DOMINICANS SPOKE OF CRIBBEAN SHIPPING LINE AND OF COMMON TELE-COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. HERRERAH APEARED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CONCEPT OF A REGIONAL CENTER FOR PERFECTING AND LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION OF SEEDS OF INDIGENOUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS WELL AS OF TEMPERATE ZONE PLANTS ACCULTURATED TO THE CLIMATE.
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